

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1–59 and add claims 60–79 as set forth below:

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1 60 A mobile electronic communication device comprising:
2 a transceiver;
3 a light unit having a plurality of light sources; and
4 a processor unit coupled to the transceiver and light unit, wherein the
5 processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output light from a selected one
6 of the light sources to indicate a source of a received message.

1 61. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the mobile
2 electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more
3 types, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output the
4 light with modulation that depends on the received message's type.

1 62. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the
2 selected one of the light sources being lit is associated with a contact, and the
3 message is received from the associated contact.

1 63. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 62, wherein the light
2 unit can simultaneously illuminate another light source to indicate that a message
3 has been received from a contact associated with the other light source.

1 64. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the
2 processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output light with modulation
3 that depends on an age of a message received by the mobile electronic
4 communication device.

1 65. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the
2 modulated light has a color that depends on the relative age of a received message.

1 66. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the
2 modulated light has a blinking rate that indicates a number of unread messages
3 received from a contact.

1 67. The mobile electronic communication device in claim 64, wherein the
2 message is a most recent message received from a contact.

1 68. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 67, wherein the
2 message is an unread message received from the contact.

1 69. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the relative
2 age is indicated using a plurality of predetermined age categories.

1 70. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 69, wherein each age
2 category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined color of
3 light that can be outputted by the light unit.

1 71. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 70, wherein each age
2 category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined
3 number of light flashes within a cycle.

1 72. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 61, wherein the
2 message is a SMS message.

1 73. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the mobile
2 electronic communication device further comprises a touch-screen display in
3 addition to or in lieu of the light unit, and the processor emulates said causing of the
4 light unit to light a selected one of a plurality of light sources to indicate receipt of a
5 message from a source by rendering a virtual light unit having a plurality of virtual
6 light sources on the touch-screen display, with a selected one of the virtual light
7 sources manifesting an appearance of being illuminated.

1 74. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the light
2 unit comprises an LED circuit having a plurality of LEDs configured to selectively
3 output light having a color selected from a set of a plurality of preselected colors.

1 75. A mobile electronic communication device comprising:
2 a transceiver; and
3 means coupled to the transceiver to output light to indicate a source of a
4 received message.

1 76. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the mobile
2 electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more

3 types, wherein said means is configured to output light with modulation that depends
4 on the received message's type.

1 77. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein said means
2 is configured to output light with modulation that depends on an age of a message
3 received by the mobile electronic communication device.

1 78. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the output
2 light is associated with a contact, and the message is received from the associated
3 contact.

1 79. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the mobile
2 electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more
3 types, wherein said means is configured to output light with modulation that depends
4 on the received message's type and an age of the message received.